AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

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Please amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (Amended) A method of treating myocardial failure in a human comprising administering

an effective amount of a transgene encoding for α -MHC, wherein said treatment provides

improvement in left ventricular ejection fraction.

REMARKS

In conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (and Extension) filed

concurrently herewith, applicants provide an amended claim 23 for consideration. Should

Examiner Ton have any questions regarding this response, a telephone call to the undersigned is

invited.

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